

State Representative of Connecticut

March 5, 2010

Re: Outdoor Wood Furnace

To Whom It May Concern:

We are owners of an outside wood burner for the last four years. We invested in this source of heat energy to save money due to the rise of heating fuel. We have the means and resources for the wood to fuel the furnace. The initial cost of the system with all the appurtenances was a real big investment for us. We figured over a period of time it would pay for itself. We find that the system is cost effective and user friendly.

We had a wood stove in the cellar, which was messy with storing the wood in the area as well and the size allowed in the home had to be filled daily. The outside burner allows us to store the wood outside and can be filled every two to three days. We did our research on this system and invested our money into it. We don't like the idea that it is being considered to be banned or regulations on them as to when you can use them. It is the same concept of our old stove, only that it is housed outside. We live in the country, houses are not on top of one another. We don't have a problem with our neighbors. We burn wood only. We think that it is unfair again that those who follow the rules may have to suffer the consequences of others.

We hope that those of us who use them can continue and those who sell them may still. We can't monitor what others do, just as the people who drive with distractions, people need to police themselves. We think the majority of owners of these stoves do follow the rules and are responsible owners.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas and Darlene Buffington

